

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Yen-Chen Chen

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For DRIVING METHOD FOR CHOLESTRIC LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY

Examiner Steven E. Holton

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

This letter is in response to the Office action dated February 16, 2007. The Office sets forth a two-way restriction requirement as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-9 drawn to Species 1, Figures 4a and 4b

Group II: Claims 10-18 drawn to Species 2, Figures 5a and 5b

Applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group 1, claims 1-9, for examination with traverse.

According to 35 U.S.C. §121, a restriction is proper only if there are at least two independent and distinct inventions. Furthermore, "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions."¹

Applicant respectfully submits that restriction is not proper in this case. Groups I and II each have the same common element - waveforms of varying polarity, and signal coupling between drivers and power supplies. Therefore, any search of the prior art and examination involving the claims of Group I will necessarily co-extend with the search and examination of Group II. In view of this, Applicant believes that the examination of Groups I and II may be made without

¹ MPEP §803 (emphasis added).

serious burden and that the claims of Groups I and II should be examined together in accordance with MPEP §803.

It is believed that no fees are due regarding this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment of Government fees to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,

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